

U.S. FDA Commissioner
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Dear Dr. Henney,

Food safety is a major concern in the United States. Agricultural producers are more concerned with profits than delivering wholesome, quality foods to American families. Who would have thought that conditions in America would have deteriorated to the point where we can't even trust in something as basic as healthy food.

To restore a bit of integrity to American agriculture and protect organic foods, we urge you to take a number of important steps:

****Promote the passage of legislation and policies to mandate clear, accurate and prominent labeling of all foods derived from, processed with, containing or consisting of genetically engineered organisms before they are released into any and all commercial markets.**

****Encourage the U.S. government to introduce a moratorium on growing genetically engineered crops commercially for at least three years until more is known about their effects on humans and the environment.**

****Require the FDA to withdraw the approval of rBGH and immediately suspend Monsanto's license to sell the hormone due to health risks that rBGH presents for both humans and animals.**

The U.S. government must stop catering to companies such as Monsanto and begin meeting the needs of Americans. Comprehensive health and environmental safety testing and full disclosure through product labeling must be performed on these and any new bioengineered food products.

In conclusion, please stop contributing to the degradation of agriculture as we know it. Stop robbing farmers of their basic right to save seeds from generation to generation. Stop exposing the American public to genetically altered foods whose health risks are, as yet, undetermined.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



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